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Monday, 23 March 2015

Security Council

Security Council Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

15:00 Closed meeting[1] Economic and Social Council Chamber

[1]All troop and police-contributing countries are invited to attend this meeting.

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

Informal meetings of the plenary in the process of intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda, pursuant to resolution 69/244 and decisions 69/550 and 69/555, focusing on sustainable development goals and targets, will be held from *Monday, 23* to Friday, 27 March 2015, at 10:00 and 15:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 6 March and 17 March 2015, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. Conference Room 11 will serve as overflow room. For further information, please *click here*; and to consult the list of side events, please *click here*.

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General Assembly

Sixty-ninth session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

10:00 to 13:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on:	
	*Agenda item 131 (*Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Accountability (A/69/676 and A/69/802))	
	Agenda item 137 (Human resources management (A/69/190, A/69/190/Add.1, A/69/190/Add.2, A/69/190/Add.2/Corr.1, A/69/190/Add.3, A/69/190/Add.4, A/69/292, A/69/292/Add.1, A/69/283, A/69/117, A/69/332 and A/69/572))	
15:00 to 18:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on:	
	Agenda item 131 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Procurement (A/69/710, A/69/809, A/69/73 and A/69/73/Add.1))	
	Agenda item 132 (Programme budget for the biennium 2014- 2015: Recosting study (A/69/381 and A/69/640))	

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	Executive meeting	

International Civil Service Commission

Eightieth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 1
	Compensation review	

Economic and Social Council

Committee for Development Policy

Seventeenth session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/69/251 and A/69/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

Monday, 23 March 2015

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation" (under agenda item 123 (t)) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia))

From 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 9.

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Monday, 23 March 2015

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

12:00 Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Wednesday, 25 March 2015, at 10:00, in the Security Council Chamber on "Child victims of non-State armed groups" in connection with the agenda item "Children and armed conflict".

Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should send a letter addressed to the President of the Security Council requesting to participate in accordance with Rule 37 of the Council's Provisional Rules of Procedure (e-mail dpa-scsb3@un.org; or fax 1 (917) 367-0406). Please note that only scanned copies of signed letters will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than *four minutes*. Delegations are reminded that the list of speakers will not be available by telephone or e-mail, but only in hard copy in the Chamber, shortly before the beginning of the meeting.

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

The General Assembly will hold a plenary meeting on Wednesday, 25 March 2015, at 15:00, in the General Assembly Hall to consider agenda item 116 (Follow-up to the commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade: commemorative meeting on the occasion of the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade). A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 11 March 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

An informal meeting of the plenary (closed) on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council, will be held on Thursday, 26 March 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 27 February 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives.

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

The agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/69/251 (see document A/69/252 for allocation of items). The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in documents A/69/100 and A/69/100/Add.1.

Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January-14 September 2015). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; Room S-3082).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (Room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations.

The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/69/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

General Assembly

Sixty-ninth session

Informal meeting under agenda item 74 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

An informal meeting (closed) on the way forward on the recommendations adopted on 23 January 2015 by the Ad Hoc Open-ended Informal Working Group to study issues relating to the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond areas of national jurisdiction will be held on Wednesday, 1 April 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 11.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

The Fifth Committee will hold its 33rd meeting on Tuesday, 24 March 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 33rd meeting in Conference Room 3, and at 15:00, in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Disarmament Commission

Informal meeting

The Chair of the Disarmament Commission will hold an informal meeting on Tuesday, 24 March 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2.

2015 substantive session

The 2015 substantive session of the Disarmament Commission will be held from Monday, 6 April, to Friday, 24 April 2015. The opening meeting will take place on

Monday, 6 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the secretariat (Ms. Lidija Komatina (e-mail komatina@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2378)). The secretariat would also appreciate it if delegations could communicate to the Disarmament and Peace Affairs Branch via Note verbale (e-mail leu@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305), *as soon as possible*, the names of representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Disarmament Commission.

Committee on Contributions
Seventy-fifth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-fifth session at Headquarters from Monday, 1 to Friday, 26 June 2015.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than* Friday, 15 May 2015. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; Room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943)).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 67/238. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

Economic and Social Council
2015 session

Integration segment (30 March-1 April 2015)

The integration segment, chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, His Excellency Vladimir Drobnjak (Croatia), will be held from Monday, 30 March, to Wednesday, 1 April 2015, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Pursuant to Council decision 2015/204, the theme for the segment is "Achieving sustainable development through employment creation and decent work". The segment will include interactive panel discussions and dialogues. For additional information, including the draft programme and related side events, please consult the Website of the Council (*click here*) or contact Ms. Sibel Selcuk, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, (e-mail selcuk@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5019).

General discussion and list of speakers

The general discussion of the integration segment will be held on Tuesday, 31 March 2015, from 16:30 to 18:00, and on Wednesday, 1 April, from 11:30 to 13:00. Requests for inscription on the list of speakers should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; Room S-1285)). Inscriptions to the list of speakers will close by 17:00 of the preceding day. The time limit set for statements

during the general discussion is *seven minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *five minutes* for individual delegations.

Coordination and management meeting (8-10 April 2015)

The coordination and management meeting chaired by the Vice-President of the Council, His Excellency Oh Joon (Republic of Korea), will be held from Wednesday, 8 to Friday, 10 April 2015, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. For additional information, please consult the Website of the Council (*click here*) or contact Ms. Leslie Wade, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination (e-mail wade@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4420).

Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in the membership of its subsidiary bodies during the April coordination and management meeting. The list of subsidiary bodies on which the Council will take action is contained in document E/2015/1/Add.1.

Delegations and the Chairs of the regional groups are reminded to submit their nominations *as soon as possible* to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (sharma7@un.org) with a copy to Ms. Mary Constable (constablem@un.org) or by mail to ECOSOC Affairs Branch (Room S-1275; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

A list of candidates for these elections and supporting documentation are available on Candiweb by *clicking here*.

List of participants

Delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates attending the meetings of the Council to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Jacqueline Aidenbaum (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org; Room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that only one list of participants will be issued at the end of the 2015 session of the Council, containing the names of the participants to all the meetings of the Council.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegations are reminded that PaperSmart services will be available for the duration of the 2015 session of the Council. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the Council's PaperSmart Portal (please *click here*) should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour in advance* of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Council's PaperSmart Portal only after delivery by delegations.

Commission on Population and Development

Briefing on thematic reports of the Secretary-General in preparation for the forty-eighth session of the Commission on Population and Development

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) will hold a briefing on the thematic reports of the Secretary-General that have been prepared for the forty-eighth session of the Commission, on Tuesday, 24 March 2015, from 10:00 to 12:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be chaired by Her Excellency Bénédicte Frankinet

(Belgium), Chair of the forty-eighth session of the Commission on Population and Development.

All interested members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

Forty-eighth session

The forty-eighth session of the Commission on Population and Development will be held from Monday, 13 to Friday, 17 April 2015. The first meeting will be convened on Monday, 13 April, at 10:00, in Conference Room 4.

The provisional agenda of the session and the proposed organization of work are contained in documents E/CN.9/2015/1 and E/CN.9/2015/L.1, respectively. To consult background information and official documents for the session, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Member States that are not members of the Commission, non-member States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and Regional Commissions are also requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat in advance of the session. Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Kindly note that only those observers who have confirmed their participation, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of Conference Room 4 on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Lists of speakers

The lists of speakers for all agenda items are open. Requests for inscription in the list of speakers should be sent in writing, with the full name and title of the speaker, to the secretariat of the Commission (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

In accordance with the programme of work, the general discussion under agenda item 4 (General debate on national experience in population matters: realizing the future we want: integrating population issues into sustainable development, including in the post-2015 development agenda), will be held from Monday, 13 April 2015 (for more details, please consult the organization of work in document E/CN.9/2015/L.1).

Delegations are advised that statements made by individual States should not exceed *five minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*; and statements made by observers should not exceed *four minutes*.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for the forty-eighth session of the Commission. The official documentation and statements for the meetings will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal (*click here*) in all available official languages.

Delegates are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart1@un.org at least two hours in advance of their designated speaking slot and to bring only 30 copies of their statements for technical services. The date and time of

the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which they will be available to the public on the portal.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

For information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Election of the Bureau of the forty-ninth session

The Commission will hold the first meeting of its forty-ninth session for the sole purpose of electing a new Chair and other members of the Bureau, immediately following the closure of its forty-eighth session.

Side events

Information on side events, or activities organized outside the formal programme of the session of the Commission can be accessed by *clicking here*.

Committee for Programme and Coordination
Fifty-fifth session
Organizational session

The organizational session of the fifty-fifth session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination will be held on Thursday, 23 April 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 5, for the purpose of electing its Bureau.

The Committee will also have before it the annotated provisional agenda for the session (E/AC.51/2015/1), the note by the Secretariat on the status of preparedness of documentation (E/AC.51/2015/L.1) and the note by the Secretariat on the list of reports of the Joint Inspection Unit (E/AC.51/2015/L.2).

Members of the Committee wishing to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate, in a note verbale of their permanent mission to the United Nations in New York, the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (e-mail cpc@un.org; Room S-3241; fax 1 (212) 963-0360). Please note that only scanned copies of the note verbale will be accepted by e-mail.

Member States that are not members of the Committee and would like to participate as observers are also requested to communicate, in a note verbale of their permanent mission to the United Nations in New York, the composition of their delegations to the secretariat well in advance of the scheduled organizational session.

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
Fourteenth session

The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will hold its fourteenth session from Monday, 20 April, to Friday, 1 May 2015, in Conference Room 4. The provisional agenda of the session is contained in document E/C.19/2015/1, and the proposed organization of work is contained in document E/C.19/2015/L.1.

Participation and seating arrangements

Member States, intergovernmental organizations and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to send observers to the session are requested to communicate the composition of their delegations, in advance of the session, to the Secretary of the Forum, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; Room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Only those observers who indicate their participation *by Wednesday, 8 April 2015*, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the Conference Room 4 on the opening day. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

For background and other related documents of the fourteenth session of the Forum, please visit the following Web site: www.un.org/indigenous (or *click here)*.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

The fourteenth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues will be served in a PaperSmart manner. The official documentation of the Forum will be available electronically via the PaperSmart Portal in all available official languages.

There will be no circulation of hard copies of documents. However, a print-on-demand service will be available, via which delegates can request for a hard copy at the PaperSmart Desk in the conference room, or by the print-on-demand option on the PaperSmart Portal. Delegates will be able to e-mail any document or statement to themselves from the Portal. No log in will be required to access the Portal.

QR Code posters with the PaperSmart Portal link will be put up in the conference room to enable easy access to the Portal via QR Code scanners on devices.

Delegations and participants are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meetings in order to access information and documents electronically.

List of speakers

The list of speakers will open as of Wednesday, 1 April 2015. Member States and United Nations bodies and specialized agencies wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for a particular item should contact the secretariat (Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

The 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will be held from Monday, 27 April to Friday, 22 May 2015, at Headquarters. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 27 April, at 10:30, in the General Assembly Hall.

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs has prepared an information note for States parties, observer States and intergovernmental organizations, contained in document NPT/CONF.2015/INF/1/Rev.1*.

Further information for participants will be made available, in due course, in the *Journal* and on the Website of the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (*click here*).

Forthcoming informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/69/251 and A/69/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Democracy and Economic Development – GUAM" (under agenda item 123 (p)) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Ukraine)

Tuesday, 24 March 2015, from 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 8.

Forthcoming other meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau (at the ambassadorial level) (monthly meeting)

Tuesday, 24 March 2015, from 16:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2.

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 26 March 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting)

Friday, 27 March 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 4.

Forthcoming other activities

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Panel discussion on "Transition from Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Strengthening Accountability for the Post-2015 Era" (organized by the Committee for Development Policy (CDP), Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Tuesday, 24 March 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Namsuk Kim, DESA (e-mail kimnamsuk@un.org).]

Briefing on the Third International Humanitarian Pledging Conference for Syria (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA))

Tuesday 24 March 2015, at 15:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All permanent missions and permanent observer missions are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Laura Rodriguez, OCHA (e-mail rodriguez14@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-2770).]

Event on "Power of Collaboration: Women, Technology and Social Innovation – Creating the Future of Inclusive, Sustainable Economies" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic and the Impact Leadership 21)

Wednesday, 25 March 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Barbora Skacelova, Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic (e-mail barbora_skacelova@mzv.cz); to register, send an e-mail to communications@impactleadership21.com.]

Panel discussion on "Innovative Technologies: Making the world of books accessible to people who are print disabled" (co-organized by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Wednesday, 25 March 2015, from 13:15 to 15:00, in Conference Room 9.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Lucinda Longcroft, WIPO New York Office (e-mail lucinda.longcroft@wipo.int; tel. 1 (917) 244-1071; or 1 (212) 963-6813).]

Workshop on "Multilateral Negotiations: Sustainable Development and Peaceful and Inclusive Societies" (organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) New York Office)

Thursday, 26 March 2015, from 09:45 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 27 March 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 17:00, in Conference Room C.

[All permanent missions and permanent mission observers are invited. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).]

Panel discussion on "Cyber Information and Communications Technology Security: Confidence-building measures" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Lithuania)

Wednesday, 8 April 2015, from 13:00 to 15:00, in Conference Room 12.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Dovydas Spokauskas, Permanent Mission of Lithuania (e-mail dovydas.spokauskas@urm.lt; tel. (212) 983-9474).]

Special event on "Mobilizing local finance to implement the Post-2015 development agenda" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of France and the Global Task Force of Local and Regional Governments)

Friday, 10 April 2015, from 10:00 to 12:00, in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Rachel Rouchouse, Permanent Mission of France (e-mail rachel.rouchouse@diplomatie.gouv.fr; tel. 1 (212) 702-4933).]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

General Assembly

Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III)
(Nairobi, 14-16 April 2015)

Pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 67/216 of 21 December 2012 and 69/226 of 19 December 2014, the second session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) will be held from Tuesday, 14 April to Thursday, 16 April 2015, at the United Nations Office at Nairobi. A note verbale, dated 30 January 2015, was sent to all Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations. The annotated provisional agenda for the session is contained in document A/CONF.226/PC.2/1.

Participating States, observers, United Nations agencies, funds and programmes and regional commissions wishing to attend the session of the Preparatory Committee are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretariat in advance of the session (e-mail muturi@un.org, with copy to habitat3secretariat@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3783)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by email. In order to facilitate the accreditation process, participants are strongly encouraged to submit their delegation lists *as early as possible*.

Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail muturi@un.org). Statements should be limited to *five minutes* when speaking in a national capacity and *seven minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group.

Additional information on the second session of the Preparatory Committee for Habitat III is available from the Conference website (www.habitat3.org).

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following trainings (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-166 (First Floor), for the month of *March*:

Finding Speeches

Country and Map Resources for the United Nations Community

Introduction to Library Services

Introduction to United Nations Documents

Voting Information

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (www.un.org/depts/dhl/).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament: Call for nominations

The Office for Disarmament Affairs (ODA) wishes to draw the attention of Member States to its note verbale ODA/02-2015/FP, inviting nominations to the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament. *The deadline is Friday, 17 April 2015.*

For permanent missions that have not yet received this note verbale, please contact Ms. Jenny Fuchs, ODA (e-mail fuchs@un.org).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of United Nations human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2015:

Third Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance* (Tuesday, 23 June 2015) to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearance (for general information *click here*);

Twenty-sixth Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination* (Thursday, 25 June 2015) to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (for general information *click here*); and

Seventh Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families* (Tuesday, 30 June 2015) to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers (for general information *click here*).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than* one week before the meeting.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or Foreign Minister, should be submitted to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (Attn. Mr. Nenad Vasić (e-mail vasic@un.org; Room S-1309)). For any clarifications on

these elections, please consult the OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. Vasić, OHCHR (e-mail vasic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5998).

Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

In paragraph 20 of its resolution 68/279, the General Assembly invited all Member States and other potential donors to consider contributing generously to the Trust Fund for the Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development, in order to support the activities involved in the preparations for the Third International Conference on Financing for Development (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 13-16 July 2015) and the travel and participation of representatives from developing countries, in particular the least developed countries.

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Summary of official meetings

Friday, 20 March 2015

General Assembly

Sixty-ninth session

[archived video]

82nd plenary meeting

Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items [item 7]

The General Assembly decided to reopen consideration of agenda item 66.

Elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: commemorative meeting on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination [item 66]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 66 to hold the commemorative meeting on the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The President made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General and Chef de Cabinet made a statement on behalf of the Secretary-General.

The General Assembly was informed that the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights was unable to deliver a statement as envisaged in resolution 69/162 due to his participation at a similar meeting in the framework of the Human Rights Council in Geneva (the statement by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights is available on the website of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights).

The General Assembly decided, without setting a precedent, to invite Ms. Verene Shepherd, member of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent of the Human Rights Council, to make a statement at the meeting.

In accordance with the decision just taken, Ms. Verene Shepherd made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Slovenia (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Jamaica (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States) and Belgium (on behalf of the Western European and other States).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 66.

Economic and Social Council

Commission on the Status of Women

Fifty-ninth session

[archived video]

19th meeting

The Chair opened the meeting.

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [item 2]

The Commission resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution E/CN.6/2015/L.5

The Commission was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Commission adopted the draft resolution and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for its adoption.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 2.

Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [item 3]

The Commission resumed its consideration of the agenda item.

Action on draft resolution E/CN.6/2015/L.2

The Commission was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

Turkey joined the list of co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The observer of the State of Palestine made a statement to request that "State of Palestine" be deleted from the list of co-sponsors contained in draft resolution E/CN.6/2015/L.2. The Secretary of the Commission stated that in view of the request, the State of Palestine was no longer a co-sponsor of the draft resolution.

The Commission adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 27 to 2, with 13 abstentions, and recommended it to the Economic and Social Council for its adoption.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Israel, and the Netherlands (also on behalf of the members States of the European Union).

After the vote, statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Japan.

After the vote, a statement was also made by the observer of the State of Palestine.

Oral decision

Upon the proposal of the Chair, the Commission took note of a number of documents before the Commission.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 3 as a whole.

Communications concerning the status of women [item 4]

The Commission resumed its consideration of the agenda item.

The Chair recalled that, at its 16th closed meeting on Wednesday, 18 March 2015, the Commission had taken note of the report of the Working Group on Communications concerning the status of women and decided to include it, in its entirety, in the report of the Commission.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 4.

Follow-up to Economic and Social Council resolutions and decisions [item 5]

The Commission resumed its consideration of the agenda item.

Oral decision

Upon the proposal of the Chair, the Commission took note of a number of documents before the Commission.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 5.

Provisional agenda for the sixtieth session of the Commission [item 6]

The Commission began its consideration of the agenda item and approved the provisional agenda for its sixtieth session, as contained in document E/CN.6/2014/L.3.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 6.

Adoption of the report of the Commission on its fifty-ninth session [item 7]

The Vice-Chair-cum-Rapporteur (Sudan) introduced the draft report of the Commission on its fifty-ninth session, as contained in document E/CN.6/2015/L.4.

The Commission adopted the draft report on its fifty-ninth session and entrusted the Rapporteur with its finalization.

The Commission thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 7.

Closure of the fifty-ninth session

The Under-Secretary-General for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Executive Director of UN-Women delivered closing remarks.

The Chair made concluding remarks and declared closed the fifty-ninth session of the Commission.

Commission on the Status of Women
Sixtieth session

[archived video]

1st meeting

The sixtieth session was opened by Her Excellency Kanda Vajrabhaya (Thailand), Chair *pro tempore*.

Election of officers [item 1]

The Commission elected His Excellency Antonio de Aguiar Patriota (Brazil) as the Chair of the sixtieth session of the Commission by acclamation.

The Chair of the sixtieth session of the Commission, His Excellency Antonio de Aguiar Patriota, assumed his position.

The Permanent Representative of Namibia, in his capacity as Chair of the African States for the month of March, made a statement.

Ms. Fatmaalzahraa Hassan Abdelaziz Abdelkawy (Egypt) and Ms. Sejla Durbuzović (Bosnia and Herzegovina) were elected Vice-Chairs of the sixtieth and sixty-first, and the sixtieth sessions respectively, by acclamation.

On the proposal of the Chair, the Commission agreed that upon nomination by their respective groups, candidates for the remaining posts of Vice-Chairs will be invited to participate in the meetings of the Bureau to be held in preparation of the sixtieth session of the Commission.

The Commission appointed China as member of the Working Group on Communications for the sixtieth and sixty-first sessions (2016 and 2017) of the Commission.

On the proposal of the Chair, the Commission agreed that upon their endorsement by their respective groups for membership in the Working Group on Communications, the

four endorsed Members of the Commission would be allowed to participate fully in the proceedings of the Working Group on Communications.

The Commission deferred the election of two additional Vice-Chairs to be nominated by the Asia-Pacific States, and the Western European and other States.

The Chair made a statement and adjourned the meeting.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty. New York, 10 September 1996

Ratification: Angola (20 March 2015)

Nagoya-Kuala Lumpur Supplementary Protocol on Liability and Redress to the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. Nagoya, 15 October 2010

Ratification: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (17 March 2015)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *March 2015* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Namibia
His Excellency Wilfried Emvula

Asia-Pacific States:
Yemen
His Excellency Khaled Hussein Mohamed Alyemany

Eastern European States:
Slovenia
His Excellency Andrej Logar

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Jamaica
His Excellency Courtenay Rattray

Western European and other States:
Belgium
Her Excellency Bénédicte Frankinet

Security Council

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